

## Message Text

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R 051120Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4732  
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 7645

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CZ  
SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL DAY

REF (A) PRAGUE 1144, (B) CAIRO 7311,

1. WHEN NEW CZECH AMB MIROSLAV SULEK PAID COURTESY CALL MAY 2, I TOOK OCCASION TO TELL HIM THAT THIS EMBASSY AND CONGEN ALEXANDRIA WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED AT UPCOMING CZECH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AND EXPLAINED OUR OBJECTION TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE INVITATION WAS WORDED. I POINTEDLY REMINDED HIM THAT US FORCES HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE LIBERATION OF PARTS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THAT I HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THOSE FORCES. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHILE LOOKED FORWARD TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH AMB SULEK, HE WOULD UNDERSTAND WHY WE COULD NOT BE REPRESENTED.

2. SULEK WAS CLEARLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEM. WITH A WRY SMILE, HE OBSERVED THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED SIMILIAR SITUATIONS ELSEWHERE WITH HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUES. HE CLAIMED THAT, WHILE CZECH AMBS HAVE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY ON HOW TO WORD THE INVITATION, IT IS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED BY HIS GOVT AS CELEBRATING THE LIBERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE RED ARMY.  
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THE REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT MOST OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD BEEN LIBERATED BY THE RED ARMY. THE WORDING OF THE INVITATION, HE INSISTED, WAS NOT INTENDED AS A SLUR AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED HAD LIBERATED PART OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OR AGAINST OTHER, SOCIALIST STATES, SUCH AS POLAND AND ROMANIA, WHOSE FORCES HAD ALSO LIBERATED SMALL SECTIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE SAID HE REGRETTED THE FACT THAT WE WOULD

NOT ATTEND, BUT UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION. HE HOPED IT WOULD  
NOT AFFECT OUR GOOD RELATIONS.  
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